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## PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

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For: MAGNETIC MATERIAL,  
MAGNETIC RECORDING  
MEDIUM, MAGNETIC  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE  
MAGNETIC MATERIAL

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the written restriction requirement dated October 31, 2006,

please consider the remarks which follow.